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SOMETHING is KILLING the CHILDREN™

HEHEHEHEHE!

W-WAIT, SOPHIE!

DO YOU THINK SHE SAW US?

JUST BE QUIET AND KEEP RUNNING!

WHAM

WHERE ARE YOU LITTLE DEMONS?!

HMF HMF HMF

IF I FIND YOU, I'M GOING TO SHAVE YOU **BALD** LIKE LITTLE CANCER KIDS FOR WHAT YOU DID TO MY HAIR!

HMF HMF HMF

BRRRRRR

OKAY. TIME FOR US TO MOVE.

IS SHE REALLY GOING TO SHAVE OUR HEADS?

ONLY IF SHE CATCHES US.

IT SMELLS YUCKY UP HERE...

DAD CHASED SOME RACCOONS OUT LAST WEEK.

I DON'T THINK IT'S RACCOONS. I THINK *SOMEONE* IS IN HERE...

THERE'S NO WAY DARLA COULD HAVE GOTTEN AHEAD OF US.

I CAN HEAR SOMETHING *BREATHING* UNDER THERE.

I'M *SCARED.*

DON'T BE. I'M ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

I'M SURE IT'S *NOTHING...*

UNNGGHH...

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VRRRRR

THUMP

THIS IS, LIKE, A MILLION DOLLARS.

GIVE IT HERE. THAT DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU.

LOOK AT ALL THIS STUFF... I WONDER WHAT SHE WAS DIGGING AROUND IN HER BACKPACK FOR?

SEWING

Agatha CHRISTIE
And then there were none

BRRRRRRR

IT'S BUZZING.

BRRRRRRR

I CAN *HEAR* IT. I'M NOT *DUMB.*

LET'S SEE WHO'S CALLING.

BRRRRRRR

NO! YOU'RE GONNA GET IN *TROUBLE.*

BRRRRRRRRR

HELLO?

AND WHO MIGHT THIS BE?

I'M NOT GOING TO TELL YOU MY NAME.

YOU NEED TO GIVE THE PHONE BACK TO THE ***MEAN BLONDE LADY.***

GRIK

SHE'S SLEEPING.

IS SHE SLEEPING OR IS SHE ***HURT?***

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

I AM THE MEAN BLONDE LADY'S ***FRIEND,*** AND I'M HELPING HER STOP SOME ***VERY BAD THINGS*** FROM HAPPENING TO LITTLE KIDS LIKE ***YOU.***

GRIK

HOW CAN I BE SURE ***YOU'RE*** NOT THE ONE WHO HURT HER?

SO SHE ***IS*** HURT. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO TELL MY NAME TO STRANGERS.

LOOK, YOU LITTLE BRAT, IF YOU DON'T--

CLAP

HE WAS *VERY* RUDE.

THAT'S CINDY, FROM MRS. WRIGHT'S CLASS.

THIS IS THE GIRL THAT DIED LAST WEEK.

YEAH.

HMM. COOL.

I THINK IT'S SCARY.

IT'S MEANT TO BE SCARY.

DID SHE SAY SOMETHING?

SHE'S STILL SLEEPING.

IT'S TO STRIKE FEAR INTO THE CREATURES SHE NEEDS TO KILL.

YOUR LITTLE FRIEND. THE **DEAD GIRL.** DO YOU WONDER HOW SHE DIED?

THE PARENTS ARE ALL SAYING IT'S A **BEAR,** BUT YOU KNOW IT ISN'T.

YOU KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WORLD. YOU KNOW THAT **MONSTERS** EXIST.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO THIS **WOMAN** IS?

YES.

SHE'S A **MONSTER HUNTER,** BUT SHE'S BEEN HURT. AND THERE'S STILL WORK TO BE DONE.

SOMETHING SIMILAR HAPPENED WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG.

THERE WAS A MONSTER, AND NOBODY ELSE COULD KILL IT. BUT SHE FOUND THE WEAPONS AND SHE TOOK MATTERS INTO HER OWN HANDS.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MONSTER?

IT WAS NEVER ABLE TO HURT AGAIN...NOT DIRECTLY.

HOW CAN WE KILL THE MONSTER?

WHAT THE

I SWEAR TO GOD I AM GOING TO *GUT* YOU.

KNIVES?! WHERE DID YOU EVEN *GET* KNIVES?!

IT WAS BAD ENOUGH WHEN YOU HAD *SCISSORS!*

UNNGH...

OH FUCK. WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOURSELVES *INTO?*

WE'RE GOING TO KILL A MONSTER--

SHUT UP. YOU'RE NOT LEAVING MY SIGHT AGAIN.

WELL, SHE'S ALIVE. THAT'S GOOD.

THE OCTOPUS SAID--

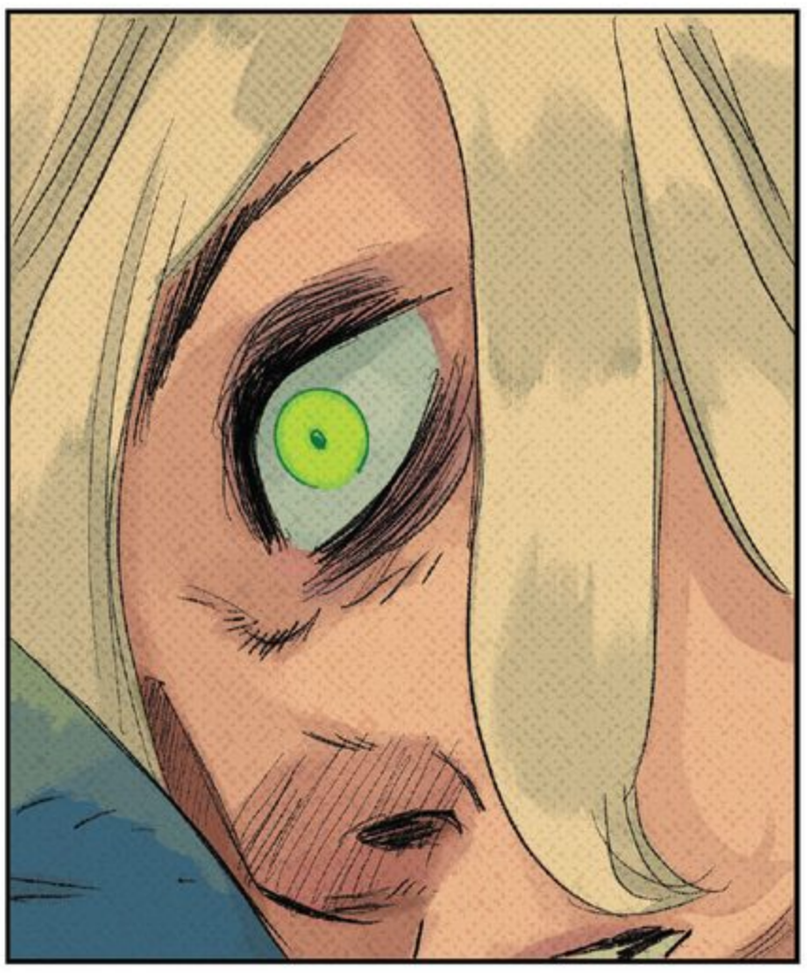
I DON'T CARE WHAT THE OCTOPUS SAID.

SHE'S STILL BLEEDING.

OKAY... FUCK, DARLA. FOCUS. THIS IS OKAY. WE'RE ALL GOING TO BE OKAY. EVERYTHING IS PERFECTLY OKAY.

HAND ME THE ANTISEPTIC. THE ***BROWN BOTTLE.*** AND SOME OF THOSE BANDAGES.

atha HRISTIE
d then there were



...HI.

WHO ARE YOU?

CAN I HAVE MY MASK BACK?

THE OCTOPUS SAID THERE WERE MONSTERS, AND THAT WE HAD TO GO KILL THEM BECAUSE THEY KILLED YOU.

DID HE, NOW?

C'MON. YOU HAVE TO SAY *SOMETHING.*

I WAS AT A PARTY. HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK. DOG MUST HAVE BIT ME, AND I FOUND SOME PLACE TO CRASH.

I SHOULD CALL THE COPS.

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO DEAL WITH ALL THAT?

BZZZZZ

YEAH.

JUST PASSED OUT FOR AN HOUR OR SO. I'M FINE. YOU DON'T NEED TO SEND ANYBODY.

I ALREADY TOOK CARE OF THE PROBLEM. IT JUST TOOK CARE OF ***ME*** A LITTLE BIT, TOO.

NO. THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.

CLAP

IS THAT THE MAN WHO WAS CALLING BEFORE?

YEAH.

HE WAS RUDE.

YEAH, HE SUCKS.

I CAN'T JUST LET YOU GO. HOW DO I EXPLAIN THAT THERE WAS A ***BLOODY WOMAN*** IN THE TREEHOUSE?

=SIGH=

THERE ARE GOING TO BE A LOT OF THINGS IN LIFE WHERE YOU JUST KIND OF CHOOSE TO LET IT GO. WHERE YOU KNOW THAT DIGGING ANY DEEPER IS GOING TO MAKE THINGS WORSE.

NOT JUST FOR YOU, BUT FOR THE PEOPLE ***AROUND*** YOU.

YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO SEE ME AGAIN. THE GIRLS PROBABLY WON'T EVEN REMEMBER THIS WHEN THEY'RE GROWN UP, AND YOU CAN FORGET IT, TOO.

THE GIRLS PRETTY MUCH MASSACRED YOUR HAIR. DO YOU WANT A LITTLE HELP?

I USED TO DO IT FOR MY FRIEND JESSICA. I'M NOT GREAT AT IT, BUT I CAN MAKE IT A BIT MORE EVEN. YOU SHOULD STILL GO TO A PROFESSIONAL, THOUGH.

OK, SURE.

TAP

HM.

SHIT.

WHAT?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

OKAY... THERE.

I'M... STILL GOING TO GO TO A PROFESSIONAL.

YEAH, YOU SHOULD.

DON'T GO INTO THE WOODS AT NIGHT. BAD THINGS HAPPEN IN THE WOODS AT NIGHT.

IF YOU TRY THAT AGAIN, I'M GOING TO STICK YOU IN A GARBAGE DISPOSAL.

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